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Peel Region

*The following answers were provided by the candidate in response to [a letter sent by the Toronto Society of Architects on September 20, 2022](#) outlining three questions related to issues of the built environment. Answers have been copied and pasted into this page for clarity and ease of access, but all answers are verbatim and no changes or edits have been made.*

**Q1: Housing is a fundamental human right, and yet an increasing number of residents across the Greater Toronto Area are struggling to pay rent or find an affordable place to live. What policies and actions do you believe need to be implemented to address this crisis?**

**A:** My campaign is centered around three key issues: a green future, better service and modern leadership. All three of these areas are critical to acknowledge when we think about our growing cities. It's important to plan for the future, while understanding the needs of our current residents and that's what I plan to do when in office.

**Q2: The design, construction and operation of our built environment accounts for nearly 40% of energy related carbon emissions, contributing to the ongoing climate crisis affecting us today. What do you believe needs to be prioritised to reduce carbon emissions within the built environment?**

**A:** We need to have a thoughtful plan when it comes to gentle density. As you mentioned, we are in a housing crisis. There is a final balance between growth and sustainability. We need to listen to our experts when considering developments, and understand the impacts on each neighbourhood and the future.

**Q3: In towns and cities, so much of life happens in the shared public spaces—in our parks, libraries and streets. How can we ensure these civic spaces achieve design excellence in their initial conception and construction, and that they are properly maintained so they may continue to serve future generations?**

**A:** One of my key campaign platforms is to properly prepare our ward for a green future. This encompasses parks and green spaces, as well as future development plans. I am the only candidate living and raising my family here. I have first handedly seen the growth we have experienced, and am constantly thinking about how our community

will grow and how it impacts my family. We need to ensure that the voices of our residents are heard, while planning for the future.